

No. 10 - Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Region

Region Acceptance Process Summary

General Description of Region

The Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region, an area of approximately 2,058 square miles, is located in coastal Southern California, within the Los Angeles Funding Area and within the South Coast Hydrologic Unit. This Region contains portions of four counties- Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, and San Bernardino- and is primarily defined by the coastal watersheds within the area that drain to Santa Monica Bay and San Pedro Bay.

The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) for the GLAC IRWM Region is comprised of signatories to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in 2006 that established the GLAC RWMG. The GLAC IRWM Region has an adopted IRWM Plan, dated December 13, 2006, and in 2008 the GLAC RWMG adopted a revised MOU. A Leadership Committee was established to guide the development and implementation of the IRWM Plan. To manage input from the stakeholders across the entire region and reflect local variations, five Sub-regional Steering Committees were established, which provide input to the Leadership Committee. The Leadership Committee has sixteen voting members, including the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the chairs and co-chairs of the five Sub-regional Steering Committees, and five agency representatives for the following water management areas: groundwater, open space, sanitation, stormwater, and surface water. The Leadership Committee also includes thirteen ex-officio (non-voting) members.

Interview Conclusions- Approved

No changes to the GLAC IRWM Region boundaries were suggested by DWR. The GLAC IRWM Region boundary wholly contains the Los Angeles Gateway Cities (Gateway) IRWM region. Given the physical connection between the Gateway and the GLAC regions, DWR maintain that in order to effectively plan and address regional concerns, such as storm water management, wastewater treatment and recycling, and aging infrastructure, cooperation between the GLAC and Gateway regions on the larger regional scale is imperative. DWR's future desired outcome for the GLAC and Gateway regions is the integration of the planning efforts of the two areas into a single regional plan that fosters integration and cooperation and does not result in overlapping and competing efforts. Additional effort is needed by GLAC to address trust issues with Gateway participants.

Minor overlap exists with neighboring IRWM Regions. Therefore, continued coordination and cooperation with the Ventura IRWM and Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority IRWM Regions will be necessary.